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## SA-3 MISSILE CANISTERS

DONG DANG AREA  
NORTH VIETNAM

21-54N 106-40E



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1. SIGNIFICANCE: FIRST IDENTIFICATION OF SA-3 MISSILE EQUIPMENT  
IN NORTH VIETNAM.
2. LOCATION: AT 21-54-50N 106-40-10E, 2.8 NM SOUTHWEST OF DONG  
DANG, NORTH VIETNAM AND 3.5 NM FROM THE CHINA-NORTH  
VIETNAM BORDER.
3. BACKGROUND: THE DONG DANG COMPLEX CONTAINS NUMEROUS STORAGE  
AREAS AND VEHICLE PARKS USED FOR HOLDING EQUIPMENT  
DELIVERED TO NORTH VIETNAM THROUGH THE RAIL AND  
ROAD TRANSFER FACILITIES AT PING HSIANG, CHINA.  
ONLY A VERY LIMITED AMOUNT OF SA-2 CANISTERS OR  
EQUIPMENT HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN IDENTIFIED IN THE  
DONG DANG AREA. NO SA-3 EQUIPMENT HAS PREVIOUSLY  
BEEN OBSERVED.

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5. FIRST IDENTIFICATION: THIS MISSION
6. MISSION READOUT: AT LEAST 90 SA-3 MISSILE CANISTERS WERE OBSERVED IN THREE GENERAL OPEN STORAGE AREAS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF ROUTE 1B IN THE VICINITY OF DONG DANG TRUCK PARK #2. NO ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO CONCEAL THE CANISTERS. NO OTHER SA-3 EQUIPMENT WAS OBSERVED IN THE AREA. HOWEVER, NUMEROUS VEHICLES OR PIECES OF EQUIPMENT IN THE GENERAL DONG DANG COMPLEX COULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED DUE TO LIMITED PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETABILITY.
- AT LEAST EIGHT POSSIBLE ZSU-23/4 WERE PARKED NEAR THE CANISTER STORAGE AREA.

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